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**RULES SUPPLEMENT TO PART-I
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**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE TELANGANA MUNICIPALITIES
(CONDUCT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS) RULES, 2005.**

***[G.O.Ms.No.166, Municipal Administration & Urban Development
(C), 9th June 2017.]***

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 326 of the Telangana Municipalities Act, 1965, the Governor of Telangana hereby makes the following amendments to the Telangana Municipalities (Conduct of Election of Members) Rules, 2005, as amended from time to time.

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AMENDMENTS

- I. In the said Rules,
- (1) In rule 50, for the words “Ballot Box” the words “ Ballot Box or electronic voting machine” shall be substituted;
 - (2) In the Conduct of Elections Rules, after rule 68, the following rule shall be inserted, namely -

“68 A Design of Voting Machine :- Every voting machine shall have a control unit (without DMM/ SDMM or with DMM/ SDMM) and one or more balloting units. The number of balloting units shall depend on the number of contesting candidates and number of seats. The design and shape of control unit and balloting unit shall be such, as may be approved by the State Election Commission.”

“Explanation:- Detachable Memory Module (DMM) / Secured Detachable Memory Module (SDMM) means such electronic memory device which is attached to the control unit of electronic voting machine and keeps the election data safely in secured manner. After completion of the counting of votes, the DMM/SDMM containing poll data shall be separated from control unit and the control unit may be used for other election”.
 - (3) In sub-rule (1) of rule 72,
 - (A) for clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely :-

“(C) the serial number of the Balloting unit and Control Unit”
 - (B) the existing clause (d) shall be renumbered as clause (e) ;
 - (C) for clause (d), the following shall be substituted namely :-
 - (D) Serial number of detachable Memory Module (DMM)/ Secured Detachable Memory Module (SDMM) where ever used, and ;
 - (4) In Form No.XXIII, in Part-I (Account of Votes recorded), below the sentence “ Machine Number used at the polling Station balloting unit” following words shall be added namely :-

“Serial No. of DMM/SDMM”

- (5) In rule 94,
- (A) In the heading, for the words “Sealing of Machines”, the words “Sealing of Voting Machines without DMM/SDMM facility” shall be substituted;
 - (B) after rule 94, the following rule shall be inserted, namely -
“94-A Sealing of Voting Machines without DMM/SDMM facility :
 - (i) A part of the EVM i.e., Electronic Memory Device called as Detachable Memory Module (DMM) of Secured Detachable Memory Module (SDMM) only shall be sealed by separating it from Control Unit.
 - (ii) After the result of voting is ascertained and recorded from the control unit and recorded candidate wise in Part-II of Form-XXIII mentioned in Rule 86, 89, 93 and 95, the Returning Officer shall separate DMM/SDMM from control unit and seal in the manner prescribed by the State Election Commission. During the sealing procedure the candidate or their election agents present may affix their seals and put signatures thereon.
 - (iii) The DMM/SDMM so sealed shall be kept in specially prepared box on which the Returning officer shall record the following particulars :-
 - (a) The Serial number and name of the ward;
 - (b) The Particulars of Polling Station or Stations where the control unit/ DMM/SDMM has been used;
 - (c) Serial Number of Control Unit used:
 - (d) Serial Number of DMM/SDMM used:
 - (e) Date of Poll; and
 - (f) Date of counting;
 - (iv) The sealed DMM/SDMM may be used for judicial purpose and other necessary purposes. The control unit may be used for other phases of election”.

- (6) In rule 95,
- (A) In the heading, for the words “Voting Machines”, the words “Voting Machines or DMM/SDMM ” shall be substituted;
 - (B) In sub-rule (1), for the words “Voting Machines used”, the words “Voting Machines where DMMs/SDMMs are not used and where DMMs/SDMMs are used” shall be substituted;
- (7) In rule 96,
- (A) In the heading, for the words “Voting Machines”, the words “Voting Machines or DMM/SDMMs ” shall be substituted;
 - (B) In sub-rule (2), for the words “Control Unit”, the words “Control Unit or DMM/SDMMs” shall be substituted;
- (8) In rule 97,
- (A) In the heading, for the words “Voting Machines”, the words “Voting Machines or DMM/SDMMs ” shall be substituted;
 - (B) In sub-rule (1), for the words “Voting Machines”, the words “Voting Machines where DMMs/SDMMs are not used and where DMMs/SDMMs are used” shall be substituted,”

NAVIN MITTAL,
Secretary to Government.

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